Protocols, United States Patent Number **09/228,913** entitled *Cost Calculation in Load Balancing Switch Protocols*, United States Patent Number **09/228,918** entitled *MAC Address Learning and Propagation in Load Balancing Switch Protocols*, United States Patent Number **09/228,992** entitled *Path Recovery on Failure in Load Balancing Switch Protocols*, and United States Patent Number **09/228,169** entitled *Discovery of Unknown MAC Addresses Using Load Balancing Switch Protocols*, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 137, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 31 illustrates a situation where a non-load balance device 3106 interconnects multiple load balance domains 3100, 3102, and 3104. The load balance domains 3100, 3102, and 3104 includes switches 3110-3114, switches 3120-3124, and switches 3130-3134, respectively. From the switches' point of view this appears much like the case of a non-load balance device connecting multiple ports in the same load balancing domain.--

In the claims:
Please amend claims 1 and 11 as shown below:

1.   (Amended)   A method operable within a network switch for managing a broadcast tree, said method comprising the steps of:

         constructing a pruned broadcast tree by propagation of dynamic cost information packets; and

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